

District Amateur Commission Meets Tonight to Consider Question of Tri-City Series

FIGHTERS FORFEIT PICTURE RIGHTS

Accept Cash Offer as Share in Reproduction of Coming Big Fight.

RECEIVE PURSE OF \$50,000 APIECE

Promoters to Receive \$50,000 and Entire Rights Awarded Vitagraph Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—As Jim Jeffries and Jack Johnson climb through the ropes to do battle on July 4, William T. Rins, president of the Vitagraph Company of America, of New York, the moving picture trust, will step up and hand them \$50,000 cash apiece. Johnson and Jeffries will keep \$50,000 each, and the other \$50,000 will go to Promoters Rickard and Gleason as their share.

The deal has been completed whereby the entire fight picture rights go to the Vitagraph Company of America for \$150,000. The company will make two sets of pictures at the ringside. They will be sent by fastest express to New York and one will go to Europe on the first steamer, while the second set will be kept in America. Hundreds of duplex negatives will be made from each of the two original negatives and within two weeks after the fight villages and hamlets in the far corners of the earth will be able to witness the battle.

Johnson's Share Named.

Johnson signed a contract last night, accepting \$50,000 as his share of the pictures. He declared he preferred accepting a lump sum to taking chances on exhibiting the pictures afterward. Jeffries has not yet signed a contract, but has announced his intention of accepting.

The acceptance of this offer came as a great surprise, as the most conservative estimates previously made placed the value of the pictures at \$300,000. It is believed the fighters themselves would have netted that sum from them had they cared to go into business and make a chance. Under their sale agreement, however, the Vitagraph company takes the chance, paying over the \$150,000 even if the weather should prevent the taking of the pictures, or the authorities should stop the fight.

Rumor of Another Fight.

It is rumored that a fight between Sam Langford and Stanley Ketchel, under Jimmy Coffroth's direction, will be held in the arena in which Jeffries and Johnson are to fight. Ketchel and Langford will meet on July 2, if Langford whips Al Kaufman next Saturday night.

Jeffries is preparing to do a lot of boxing from now on. He announced last night that he would box both morning and afternoon and that his trainers would have to do a whole lot of fighting and a lot of work. The big fellow believes he is perfect now, and wants to be sure of his "eye," and "time."

JOHNSON EXPECTING MUCH INFIGHTING

By TAD.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—Jack Johnson was all smiles as he four-round go with Al Kaufman just for the benefit of the Eastern newspaper men who came out to see him.

The big fellow was all dressed up in his Sunday best, lounging about on the sand when two big buzz wagons drove up, and out came a bunch of Eastern scribes. Johnson had intended to lay off, but smilingly removed his scenery and went four very sweet little rounds with Kaufman.

"I could drop down to 206 by tomorrow if I wanted to," said the big colored champ after the bout, "but I'm just packing on all the meat I can get, days, and I feel that I'll be able to use it."

"Mr. Jeffries will weight about 235 when he gets into the ring next month, and I don't want to think that he'll be able to push and haul me around. Do you notice me hauling my sparring partners around every day? I want them to push me all over the ring if they can, and I have told them to take every little advantage. I feel that this will be a fight at short range. I feel that Jeffries is going to keep right close to me all the time, figuring that his weight and strength will weaken me. I don't think that there's a man in the world who can shove me around the ring, and let that go for Gotsch, too. You know that Jeff Burns up there showing him little tricks with the wrists and arms for the clinch, and Gotsch will help him out, too; but I'm well healed. I'd rather have him in close. My game is a close fight—I mean that I like it. Of course I can fight at long range, too, but I really think that in close I'm the best man in the world."

Thinks Jeffries Primed.

"I don't care what way Jeff intends to fight, but from the dope I figure it a scuffling battle, with him trying to wear me down, and I'm working for just the same sort of a thing myself. Yes, I think it will be a long fight. I know that I'll be in no hurry at any stage of the game. I'll fight my usual battle and win as I did from Tommy Burns. Never take a chance with my hands once, but be just as sure and careful as I can.

"No, I never do rush things. What's the good? If you can beat a man by jabbing his nose, keep on jabbing his nose. If you can beat him by hitting him with right crosses, keep at it. There's no use of trying any new stunts when you're winning easily with the ones you are working now.

"If I see that I can beat Jeff to the

COMPARISON OF THE RIVAL FIGHTERS



Fighting Weights
Jeffries 220 lbs.
Johnson 215 lbs.

PRINCETON ALUMNI TIE VARSITY NINE

Former Diamond Stars Play Regulars to a Standstill. Score 3-3.

PRINCETON, N. J., June 15.—A baseball team composed of old Princeton stars held the Princeton varsity to a 3-to-3 tie score yesterday. The alumni nine contained six former captains of Tiger teams. There was "Randy" Sides, of last year's team; "Dutch" Meier, now coach of the varsity; Sammy Reid, whose playing at shortstop is still talked of at Princeton; Cosgrave, Welles, and "Cap" Kafer, of whom stars in their time. Underhill did the twirling for the graduates, while the varsity used all three of their pitchers. Steve White started pitching, but was not in his usual form, allowing two hits in the second inning, which coupled with an error and a passed ball netted three runs. Greenbaum and Woodie, who pitched for the remainder of the game, could not be touched, and only two men reached second base after the second inning.

The varsity got only six hits off Underhill, who pitched a good game. Sterrett and Warwick, led the batting, with two hits each. Coach Meier also had his eye on the ball, getting two beautiful singles.

AUTO CLUB MEETS TONIGHT.

An important meeting of the Automobile Club of Washington will be held this evening at the clubhouse on Georgia avenue.

Several important questions, including a list of attractions during the summer months, will be discussed.

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HARD DAY'S WORK FOR YALE CREWS

Jack Fields Among Prominent Visitors at Old Eli's Camp.

NEW LONDON, Conn., June 15.—Yale's varsity eight was crippled yesterday in morning and evening practice, Tucker (No. 2) being absent from the boat on account of indigestion. Colburn is rowing in Tucker's stead, and Lowe, stroke in the second four, is filling the vacancy.

Kennedy worked his oarsmen exceptionally hard. On top of the usual morning row of about four miles, the evening's windup for the two eights was about four miles and back to quarters, fully a distance of ten miles. There was no racing in either direction, the class crew starting at a thirty stroke, followed by the varsity men at the same pace, both crews keeping within call of the coach during the whole evening's practice.

Among the visitors at Yale's camp today were E. P. Livingston, the Henley regatta sculler; T. L. Scholens, Meade Robinson, and "Jack" Field, the well-known halfback; Silas Wadell, father of the varsity eight's captain, and Leroy Whitner, stroke of the 106 varsity crew. The latter, accompanied by his wife, were among the interested spectators in the launch Elhu Yale, which followed the crews.

Elliot Bacon, who had been held up in Cambridge by a severe cold, arrived at Red Top last evening, and an hour later occupied his regular seat, No. 1, in the varsity boat.

"Jim" Vray, who acted as substitute with the eight, again took up his megaphone and coached from the bow of the launch John Harvard.

SUNDAY BASEBALL GIVEN A HEARING

ALBANY, N. Y., June 15.—The question of baseball games on Sundays has been placed before Governor Hughes in charges filed today against the sheriff of Chemung county by a delegation of clergy and citizens of the city of Elmira. The petition to the governor asks for the removal of the sheriff on the ground that he has failed to comply with the law in preventing Sunday baseball.

About four weeks ago the Elmira team of the State League began playing Sunday games on the home grounds. The ministers of the city protested, but the sheriff refused to take the initiative, consequently the charges followed.

Governor Hughes has served a copy of the charges upon Sheriff Day and set June 21 as the day for the hearing. The governor's action will be watched with interest, as it will be taken as a precedent for all Sunday baseball in the State.



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COMMISSION TO TALK INTERCITY BASEBALL

Amateur Lawmakers Will Assemble Tonight and Discuss Merits of Proposed Championship Series With Teams From Philadelphia and New York.

Tomorrow amateur fans of the Capital City will probably learn the attitude of the District commission regarding the proposed intercity championship series between teams representing Philadelphia, New York, and this city.

The members of the commission will assemble at Spalding's this evening, where the details as arranged by G. R. Rawlings, of Philadelphia, prime mover of the plan, will be unfolded to the commission by President Bolgiano.

It has been learned authoritatively that the majority of the members of the body are in favor of the plan, and barring the unforeseen it is expected that favorable action will follow the introduction of the plans.

President Bolgiano has in his possession several communications from the Philadelphia management, which explain to a letter every detail of the proposed series. It is understood that the series will be played in Philadelphia, and that the Quaker City authorities will stand the expense of the entire movement.

Should the commission take favorable action they will immediately notify the Philadelphia promoters and appoint a committee to confer with representatives of the other cities. According to plans this meeting will be held in Philadelphia in the near future.

Here's to clear weather at 5 by the time clock!

Followers of the Commissioners' baseball club of the Departmental League are jubilant today over the success of their favorites in yesterday's game with Agriculture.

The District Building team won after an interesting battle in which baseball good and bad, were strikingly evident, by 8 to 4. Robertson, who pitched for the Agriculture, but who was out of the game at the close of last season, is again on the job at third for the Agriculture. The Agriculture team, however, has been one of the bright lights of the team, experienced an off day, falling down on half of the chances that came his way.

The lure of the diamond is again showing its hand. Connie Dowie, champion tennis player of these parts, who, like a few other notables, announced his retirement from baseball, is now, at the close of last season, is again on the job at third for the Agriculture. The Agriculture team, however, has been one of the bright lights of the team, experienced an off day, falling down on half of the chances that came his way.

American Security and Trust Company is slowly but surely bringing its way to the top of the list in the Bankers' organization.

The secret of success of the team

In the past week lies in the fact that it is again under the man that helped materially to cap the rag in last season's campaign.

The fight from now on promises to take the form of a duel affair between the Commercial team, who at present hold the lead by the margin of a single game, and American Security and Trust Company.

Tanglewood failed to place a team in the field at the scheduled time yesterday, and the game was awarded to St. Stephen's on forfeit.

The schedule for the Olympia League the remainder of the week has been announced as follows: Today, Olives vs. Prospects; Thursday, Olives vs. Prospects; Saturday, Olives vs. Tanglewood; Sunday, Olives vs. Tenleytown.

A great improvement has been noted in the work of the Mt. Pleasant nine of the Suburban League within the past two weeks. Yesterday the team lost out in the final inning by a one-run margin, one of the most interesting games of the season. Tomorrow, according to those who witnessed the battle, was decidedly fortunate in getting the long end of the score.

Thomas, a newcomer in local amateur ranks, and Beall, who formerly played with National Electric Supply Company, winners of the championship in the Commercial League of 1908, have joined the Mt. Pleasant team. Both have proved worthy additions, and their playing in both departments has been one of the features of the team's work of late.

Glancing at the score in the Marquette league, between Columbia, 101, and Hygiene Laboratory, the followers of the former team this morning are claiming a team that is bound to win honors in the printer championship next September. The printers' nine seems to be improving every day, and yesterday stood out as a major league would over a minor league team. This is not said to detract from the ability of the laboratory players, who have proved a strong team to date, but only as a fitting way to express appreciation of exceptional play on the part of their opponents.

Weaver, Columbia's twirler, whose work has been a little off color of late, came back to life yesterday and allowed Hygiene Laboratory but one scratch hit. But one of the players on the losing team reached first. Weaver also proved stickler-in-chief of the day with three clean ones to his credit.

The real upset of yesterday's offering in the amateur ranks was the defeat of Car Department, leaders in the Railroad Y. M. C. A. League, by Trainmen, the outsiders. The story of play employed by the winners completely surprised their opponents, who had expected a slow, sure, and steady game. The Car Department, however, placed the losers at the top of the list.

PRACTICE SESSIONS AT POUGHKEEPSIE

College Crews Working Hard in Preparation for Big Regatta.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., June 15.—The Hudson river was delightfully smooth last evening and all the college crews here had hard practice sessions. Pennsylvania and Wisconsin had four-mile time trials, but not over the regular downstream course, as the tide was flood.

The Quakers started at Milton and finished at their boat house, rowing the last half mile through the swell of a ferryboat. They rowed smoothly and finished strong. Ellis Ward, the coach, spoke approvingly of their work. He will go to Cornwall tomorrow on account of the death of his brother, Benjamin, who was killed on a railroad crossing there yesterday. He will return as soon as possible.

Wisconsin started its trial three miles south of and finished one mile north of the bridge, making a good impression. No time was given out.

The three other crews had more moderate practice. Cornell and Syracuse went down the river, while Columbia went up around Crum Elbow.

WILDING TO PLAY IN THIS COUNTRY

BOSTON, June 15.—Advice received here says that A. F. Wilding, the Australian lawn tennis player, will visit this country next month with Beals C. Wright. Both Wilding and Wright are internationalists. The Australian, with Brooke, carried back the Davis cup to Australia from England. Wilding in all probability will play in the Longwood tourney next month and in the all comers at Newport in August.

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